

## REFERENCES AND REVIEWS

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**GASTROINTESTINAL ABSORPTION OF ORAL IRON-DEXTRAN AND FERROUS SULFATE**—P. A. Ragen, L. Walker, G. D. Sparling, and R. P. Pillow. *Amer. J. Med. Sci.*—Vol. 242:454 (Oct.) 1961.

Gastrointestinal absorptions of small oral doses of Fe<sup>59</sup> labeled ferrous sulfate and a new iron-dextran ("Jefron") were measured in 9 normal adults. An average of 26 mcg. (52 per cent) of 50 mcg. of ferrous sulfate was absorbed. An average of 180 mcg. (51 per cent) of a larger 354 mcg. dose of the iron-dextran was absorbed.

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**NEAR-FATAL PEDIATRIC CASE OF PARATHION POISONING TREATED WITH 2-PAM**—G. E. Quinby and G. B. Clappison. *Arch. Environ. Health*—Vol. 3:543 (Nov.) 1961.

This account of a near-fatal case of organic phosphorus insecticide poisoning, successfully treated with an investigational drug, 2-pyridine aldoxime methiodide (2-PAM), should be of interest to all physicians, especially those in agricultural areas.

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**ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE IN VARIOUS HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES**—C. C. Abel and L. Beier. *Amer. J. Med. Sci.* Vol. 242:463 (Oct.) 1961.

The erythrocyte sedimentation rate was noted to be virtually nil in a family with four members having homozygous hemoglobin C disease. Red cell sedimentation was investigated in 37 other hemoglobinopathies but no definite pattern was observed, except in the homozygous C condition. Mech-

anisms were discussed. Certain hemoglobinopathies as well as hypofibrinogenemia should be considered in the differential diagnosis of the low erythrocyte sedimentation rate.

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**MUSHROOM TOXINS. BRIEF REVIEW OF LITERATURE**—R. W. Buck. *New Eng. J. Med.*—Vol. 265:681 (Oct. 5) 1961.

The literature on mushroom poisoning is reviewed. Mushrooms that contain muscarin, myceto-atropin (levohyoscyamin), bufotenin, amanita toxins (5 in number), helvellic acid, psilocybin, disulfiram and gastrointestinal irritants are identified. Fifty-three mushrooms of the northeastern United States known to have caused significant poisoning are listed.

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**RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS IN BRITAIN**—D. B. Peacock and S. K. R. Clarke. *Lancet*—Vol. 2:466 (Aug. 26) 1961.

Isolation in HeLa cells, of respiratory syncytial virus from two babies with bronchiolitis in Bristol, England, is described. Seventeen of 20 adult serums fixed the complement in the presence of one isolate. One illustration shows intracytoplasmic inclusions.

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**ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING SCHEME FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICE**—L. Wade. *Arch. Environ. Health*—Vol. 3:526 (Nov.) 1961.

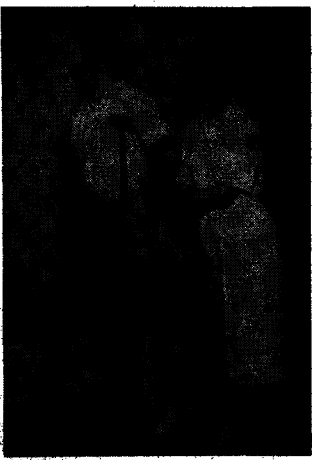
Experimentation with a number of forms, methods, etc., led to an eminently satisfactory method for collection of morbidity and mortality data and provided a key for the study of specific problems of diagnosis, toxicology, administration, etc. The method is described and several examples of the kinds of information which can be provided are given.



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